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Probing magnetic correlations in heavy fermion $CeMIn_5$ (M=Rh, Ir, Co) with neutron scattering

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Antiferromagnetism and superconductivity, with very high transition temperatures for heavy fermion compounds, exist in close proximity in the heavy fermion materials with chemical formula $CeMIn_5$ (M=Rh,Ir,Co). These tetragonal materials consist of alternating layers of the cubic heavy fermion antiferromagnet $CeIn_3$ and the intervening MIn_2 . Magnetic structures of the heavy fermion antiferromagnets $CeRhIn_5$, Ce_2RhIn_8 , $Ce(Rh,Ir)In_5$, and $(Ce,La)RhIn_5$ are determined using neutron diffraction. Dynamic magnetic correlations of $CeRhIn_5$, $CeIrIn_5$ and $CeCoIn_5$ are investigated with inelastic neutron scattering. Effects of hydrostatic pressure and magnetic field on the antiferromagnetic orders are also investigated. Insight on relation between the quasi-two-dimensional crystal structure, antiferromagnetism and superconductivity in these new heavy fermion materials, obtained through systematic study of the family with various M, changing ratio of the $CeIn_3$ and MIn_2 layers, doping on the Ce site, and external fields, will be discussed.